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SUBJECT: KUKRIT VISIT TO MANILA: INITIAL ATMOSPHERICS

- 1. THAI PM RECEIVED ROUTINE (FOR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT) WELCOME ON JULY 21, I.E., ALL STOPS OUT. FOLLOWING ARE SOME PRELIMINARY IMPRESSIONS OF FIRST DAY OF VISIT.
- 2. AT PHILIPPINE-HOSTED BANQUET BOTH HEADS OF STATE EMPHASIZED GREAT EXPECTATIONS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ASEAN. MARCOS SAID ASEAN COOPERATION TO DATE HAS BEEN "FARR TOOO CAUTIOUS." SPECIFICALLY, HE URGED MOVES TOWARD CREATION O "ASEAN COMMON MARKET" LEADING TO "REGIONAL HARMONIZATION" OF ALL MAJOR ASPECTS OF AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES. IN REPLY, KUKRIT REFERRED TO PEACE, HARMONY AND SECURITY AS TRILOGY OF ASEAN GOALS.
- 3. IN CONTRAST WITH EMPHASIS ON ASEAN, SEATO RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL

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NO MENTION WHATEVER IN FIRST DAY STATEMENTS FROM BOTH

SIDES. (FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH, GOP NEWS AGENCY PNA BACKGROUNDER OF JULY 22 STATES FLATLY THAT SEATO WILL BE ON THE AGENDA FOR TODAY'S TALKS ON BOARD PRESIDENTIAL YACHT.)

4. BOTH KUKRIT AND MARCOS EMPHASIZED THAT RECENT SHIFTS IN FOREIGN POLICY DO NOT MEAN ABANDONMENT OF TRADITIONAL TIES.AS MARCOS PUT IT. "WE ARE NOT EXCHANGING NEW FRIENDS FOR OLD; WE MEAN TO KEEP THEM BOTH." HE ADDED THAT "CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS IMPORTANT TO OUR STABILITY AND CONTINUED PEACEFUL EXISTENCE" ARE INEVITABLE DUE "NEW CIRCUMSTANCES."

5. IN BRIEF CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR, MEMBERS OF THAI PARTY STRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBITIONS AND CONSEQUENCES OF NORTH VIETNAMESE PRESSURE ON LAOS. THEY SEEMED LESS CONCERNED ABOUT CAMBODIA.

6. COMMENT: KUKRIT'S TRILOGY OF ASEAN GOALS OFFERS A MORE SPECIFIC ENDORSEMENT OF SECURITY ROLE THAN MOT PREVIOUS STATEMENTS BY ASEAN LEADERS.
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